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Supervisors  
Brandon Coleman-Chairman  
Charles Clukey Jr.  
John Gradel

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 6, 2024**

**Supervisors present** Brandon Coleman, John Gradel (Charles Clukey Jr. Absent)  
Brandon Coleman. Called meeting to order at 7:00pm

**Secretary Minutes:**

**Brandon Coleman made motion to accept minutes.**  
**Seconded by John Gradel All approved.**

**Treasurer's Report:**

Balance in General Fund	\$ 23,630.13
Balance in General Money Market	\$192,984.18
Balance in Sewer Fund	\$166,491.84
Balance in Sewer Money Market	\$248,107.91
Balance in State Fund	\$ 66,572.01

**John Gradel made motion to accept Treasurer's report.**  
**Seconded by Brandon All approved.**

**Public Comment:**

1. Steve Gibson: Gave copy of diagram of what the Bald Eagle trial wants to do to put a bike path in on Hanna Street. What they are proposing is to take and make two lanes and delete middle turn lane and make a bike path on the side walk side. Will replace all inlets and do something with the side walks.

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### Public Comment continued:

Brandon said the he thinks that would be a good idea as we don't need to repair those sidewalks. The Curbs are good and that would be a good idea and will save the Township a lot of money on sidewalk repairs.

Steve said he will move to the next step of safety and anything else that need done.

Steve Gibson said the County has some money that we could help with the lines and signs.

b. Steve Gibson reported that the Flood protection is willing to turn part of the land over to Castanea Township. Will be from the dike to the end of property at Hanna St where the parking is. The land will be Castanea Township but is leased to Chestnut Grove. (part of Ball fields)

Brandon Coleman asked Steve Gibson what about the property that First Quality was turning back over to the Township. Steve said that is going to happen.

2. Keith Masorti asked about the ordinance for ATVs running on our streets.

Brandon Coleman said that we have ordinances from Chapman Township and Porter Township and will Put them out and have the community input and see what they say and we will go from there. John Gradel will get a survey ready and send out to all residents. Paul Vance asked who will enforce the law. Brandon said the Mill Hall Police or the State Police.

3. Tyler Bates:

a. Reported that he had a bill from the Fire Company and Brandon said to bring it up and give to Susan and she will get a check for it. Brandon said that this is part of the money we donate at the first of the year to the Fire Company and they order the stuff and give us a bill to pay.

b. Tyler reported on Friday there was sewer activity in his area. Tyler said that there is a problem between his property and his neighbor that the line is plugging up.

There are around 4 or more properties. Brandon said he was not aware of this except for what the Mill Hall sewer guys told him, John said he didn't know about it either.

Brandon asked Jim if he knew about it. Jim reported that he was there and Mill Hall ran the jet truck in about 200 feet in the pipe and ran the camera in 45-50 feet and would not go any further. The only reason we were forcing it in and flipped. We used some copper sulfate and none of the water came back up it was going somewhere. Brandon said that it is broke and that is why it is not coming back up. We know nothing about that and we will need to talk to Charley about that. We might have to get it dug up.

4 Doug D'Amore Asked about the road crew what are they doing about the cul de sac. The Culvert going across his driveway it ran a lot of water into the pipe and nothing is coming out. Doug thought maybe you want to check it as it has a major hole. Brandon said that issue was replacing the stones in the culvert to bigger stones.

Brandon said he will have a talk with the road crew and see what can be done.

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### Public Comment continued:

5. Joe Miller: Wanted to know if anything is going to be done about the speeders on Grape Street. Brandon Coleman said that he will have to make a motion to put the speed bumps on Grape St this year as no one else requested them this year.

Joe asked what is this equipment you are looking for. Brandon said that we are looking to buy a ditch bucket. Joe asked are they taking care of this new equipment. Brandon said he can't tell him but Jim was here ask him. Joe wanted to know how the backhoe we got rid of had the fenders rusting as they were fiberglass fenders. Brandon said no they were metal and they were rusted. We bought a pressure washer and chemical to wash them off to get salt off of them. Working on a maintenance program.

### Correspondence and Communications

1. EMS is having a training on Stop the Bleed Thursday May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm will be held at Lock Haven EMS 21 Liberty Street Lock Haven.

**Brandon Coleman made motion to send employees that wants to go and we will pay them for the time to go.**

**Seconded by John Gradel All approved.**

2. Tire Pickup don't forget if you want tires to be picked up call township and tell Susan where you live and how many so she can mark it down for the road crew.

3. Playground Summer program Starts on June 17<sup>th</sup> and runs to August 9<sup>th</sup>. Hours are 9:30 to noon Monday-Friday. This year supervisors will be Kristie Dion and Mercedes Shultz.

### Report of Officials and Committees:

#### A Supervisors

1. Charles Clukey Jr. Not present Brandon read Sewer Report

2. John Gradel-reported Township received a letter from the City of Lock Haven that states we have no leak on Mackey and two days later they did come out and dug hole. John said his mother and Brady are at the City of Lock Haven meeting to complain about the water again.

John also reported they are going to do permanent patching in Castanea, the city has to bid it out this year.

John reported on the traffic light he called and they have to call the engineering that did the bridge in Flemington as they changed the light and never had it changed back.

3. Brandon Coleman

Brandon reported that the spraying was done and will be guarantee for the whole year.

Brandon reported about light on the sign talked to Andy Connor and he order parts in and we will get installed when they get them. Already approved

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### Report of Officials and Committees cont.

Brandon Bridge on Dorothy Alley and Todd Pyscher reviewed with PennDot that bridge and the little bridge is around \$350,000.00 so we will look around for some funding with grants to see if we can get it repaired.

Brandon reported at last work session they talked about taking out the sidewalks as are trip hazards in front and side of building and putting a sewer box out front to put the payments in and making it all grass.

Brandon reported had meetings with engineer and DEP and don't know what the outcome of that is, will need to talk to Charley and we got 2 letters from DEP that were discouraging will have to work on those.

- B. Auditors-Kristy Sellers, Mary Margaret Winton and Bonnie Poorman: None present
- C. Engineer-Tom Levine not present
- D. Code Officer- Jim Phoenix: Jim has about 9 properties that grass is high and wanted to know if there is anything he can give to them. Is there anything as a courtesy notice I can give them to let them know they are in violation.

Brandon asked if Susan typed up the door knocker. Susan said that she typed them up and sent them to him and John to review. Brandon said ok he will look at it and get back to her.

Paul Ryan said we adopted the international property code in 20219 and that is what we go with. Brandon said ok then that is what we do. Brandon will get Jim some non traffic citations. Brandon said that he call Charley and he said they can't find the books so Brandon e-mail Susan and had her call and order books.

Jim asked what is the height of the grass. It is 8" high.

- E. Zoning Officer-Jeremy Kreiser –Brandon read his report.
- F. Police Office Report: Brandon read police report.
- G. Planning Committee: Joe Miller stated the man that wanted to buy the property at 10 E. Keller Street, Joe wants to know what is going on. Susan reported that was Daugherty that was buying the property. Brandon stated that they want to know about the tap on it, Brandon hopes someone buys it so we can put something on it.
- L. Recreation Committee: Rick Schultze reported that we have some bills that need to be approved one is for the tie dye kits \$150.00 that is on June 27<sup>th</sup> and also for Castanea Days we have items we need estimate of \$35.00. We also need approval for the band "Kids @ Heart" for at Moose on Castanea Days event of \$500.00. We also have an invoice for Critter Connection Animal program of \$305.00 for Castanea Days.  
Rick reported on Castanea Cleanup day that Solvay is going to help as they have a shut down and will have some employees to volunteer and help with our clean up. The date is June 25th and will start at 8:30am.

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### L. Recreation Committee Continued:

After the cleanup is done we will be having cookout with Hamburgers and Hot Dogs. Will be in the empty lot across from the Castanea Fire Company for all that attended. Residents are welcome to help.

**Brandon Coleman made motion to approve and pay Critters Creation and Kidz @ Heart for Castanea Days July 20, 2024. (As per 6-H request.)**

**Seconded by John Gradel. All approved.**

### Old Business:

1. Sign application for Credit Cards for Township one for Office and one for Road Crew.

**Brandon Coleman made motion to approve credit cards for Office and Road Crew. Seconded by John Gradel. All approved**

2. Ordinance Update Brandon turned over to Paul Ryan.

Paul reported that him and Jim met in his office and went over ordinances Jim has 3 or 5 different properties and to bring actions against them. Paul looked into ordinances and determined that township ordinances are good the way they are and if you want to enforce it you just have to read and follow what is in the book. Them with the General Property maintenance Code. The two ways you need to file would be non-traffic citations other type is just a civil action.

Paul Vance asked about the dog issue were they going to put a limit on dogs you can own.

Paul Ryan said that first thing he does is look at other townships and see what they have for ordinances. Paul Vance said that the odor from the dogs is terrible and they don't clean up after them. Paul Ryan said there is no limit of dog dirt you can have in your yard. Brandon asked Paul Ryan if he could check into it and see what he can find out for us.

### New Business:

1. QuickBooks:

John Gradel reported that Susan said that Quick book was going to expire 5/31/2024 John doesn't think we should not go with quick book on line you would need to you pay for them for all the business accounts. John talked to Diana Patton about Quick books and got a price of \$1538.00 includes payroll.

**John Gradel made motion to go with Diana Patton to purchase Quick books. Seconded by Brandon Coleman. All approved.**

2. Sign Resolution 2024-6 Appoint Lea Ann Plessinger CPA.

**Brandon Coleman made motion to accept resolution 2024-6 Lea Ann Plessinger CPA to do Audit.**

**Seconded by John Gradel. All approved.**

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3. Sign Resolution 2024-7 Accept EMC as Insurance carrier

**Brandon Coleman made motion to approve that resolution 2024-7.**

**Seconded by John Gradel. All approved**

4. Sign Resolution 2024-8 Credit cards

**Brandon Coleman made motion to approve 2024-8 for Credit Cards.**

**Seconded by John Gradel. All approved.**

5. Lecce Electric Signal Maintenance Agreement total cost of \$1370.00 for traffic lights.

**Brandon Coleman made motion to hire Lecce Electric to maintain the traffic signal.**

**Seconded by John Gradel. All approved.**

**Brandon reported that we have on agenda about consideration of purchase road work equipment. Brandon wants to Table until next meeting.**

**Brandon also wants to Table consideration of part time staff until next meeting...**

**Review and Pay Bills:**

**John Gradel made motion to pay the bills**

**Seconded by Brandon Coleman. All approved.**

Bill Powell reported that Chestnut Grove had work session and wanted Bill to ask if Township could mow the West end also when mowing. Brandon said that we only do that once a month or two, the guys cut up along the road and we don't have time to do it all the time. Does everyone know that it is not going to be call Chestnut Grove. It is going to be call Robbie Gould. A lot of people thought we had all the stuff on order and then the guy backed out and then we had to go and reorder all the parts. Now we are starting to get things going.

**Brandon Coleman made a motion to adjourn meeting at 8:15 pm**

**Seconded By John Gradel**

**Attest: Susan Heaton**

**Secretary/Treasurer**